

Dear Glover Families,

It was another fantastic week and we are eagerly anticipating and hoping for a five-day week next week so that we can get back to our important routines! Even though it was a short week, we have so much to share:

PTO Meeting Rescheduled: Our PTO meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, April 2 at 7pm at Glover. During this meeting, we will be having a conversation with Noel Vigue, PE/Health Director, about innovative ways to increase movement and physical exercise at Glover. Please consider joining us!

Art Show and Book Fair: In the annual tradition of Passport to the Arts, we will be opening Glover's doors this Wednesday, March 21 from 6-7:30pm for you to walk our hallways and take a peek at our artistic masterpieces! Be sure to stop by the Glover Book Fair in the library to pick up a new book! Mark your calendars for this special night!

Our wonderful art teachers would appreciate your help if you have any time to spare on Monday, March 19 or Tuesday, March 20. If you would be willing to help us hang art work, please email me directly. Thank you!

Glover K-2 Music Showcase: Mark your calendars for Friday, March 23 at 2pm in the Glover Gymnasium! **On the day of the concert, K, 1, and 2 music students should plan to dress nicely for this special performance.** Your children have worked hard in their music classes during the school year thus far. This is an "informance" to showcase the learning that has taken place this year during your child's forty-five minute music classes each week. Please email your child's music teacher with any questions.

Science Fair: Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday, March 26 from 6:30-8 (K-2) and Tuesday, March 27 from 6:30-8 (3-5). We need your help! On Monday and Tuesday morning, we need volunteers to collect student projects at the front and cafeteria doors. We will then set them up on tables around the gym. During the science fair, we would like a handful of volunteers to be special guests who will walk around to visit students and ask questions about their projects. Finally, on Tuesday night, we will need a few helpers to break down tables and clean up. Please email maggieodonnell@gmail.com if you have any questions and please see the sign-up below. Thank you!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CA4AE28A5F58-glover>

Parent Speaker Series: Please join us on Wednesday, March 28 from 6:30-8pm for Glover (and MPS) parent, Celine Coggins, who will present valuable information about standardized testing: separating the myths from what matters. Testing in schools has been a fixture in the news over the past few years and almost none of the press has been positive. Added to this uncertainty have been multiple changes to the state test (MCAS to PARCC to MCAS 2.0) leaving many parents with more questions than answers. Why all the changes? What do the scores mean? How are they used to assess my child's learning? What's the purpose of it all? This event will tackle the myths and realities of testing, and spark an open dialogue on the role of testing in the Milton Public Schools.

After Ms. Coggins presentation, there will be an MPS Leadership panel open to your questions. Ms. Coggins is an amazing speaker and professor at Harvard. I encourage you all to join us! Please see attached flier and list of Parent Speaker Series events.

Grade Five Growth and Development Night for Parents: This is the opportunity for parents to preview the video that will be shown to all fifth graders as part of the Growth and Development Program. This adult-only night will be April 12 from 6:30-8pm in the Glover Library.

This program is offered annually to parents/guardians of current 5th grade students. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents/guardians to preview the updated video that will be shown to grade 5 students later this year. This video is different than what was previously shown in the past. Through extensive research, a review of best practices, consultation with site council parents/guardians, teachers, principals, nurses and Dr. Guglietta, **we've updated our curriculum to include a new video and a blended learning environment for students.**

Upon completion of the video, there will be plenty of time for questions and/or discussion regarding the program and recent updates with Director Vigue, Nursing Director Margaret Gibbons, health educator Brendon Bonn, elementary school nurses and the school district's pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta. This is a great chance to build your skill repertoire to continue the puberty conversation with your child. You will be notified at a later date when this program will be presented at your child's school. Please feel free to contact Noel Vigue (nvigue@miltonps.org) or Maureen LeBlanc (mleblanc@miltonps.org) with any questions.

****REMINDER** This event is for parents only.** We will have childcare available if you need to bring your children.

Grade One Information Night: If you missed Grade One Information Night, please review this presentation for important information regarding the decision between English Innovation Pathway and French Immersion:

https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/5815/2043/9361/Gr_1_Info_Night_March_61_8_Final.pdf. Please feel free to reach out directly to me with any questions you might have. Kindergarten families- please return your pink selection forms as soon as possible. Thank you!

Spanish Newsletter from Senora Brown: Please take a moment to review all that your child is learning about in Spanish class! See attached newsletter!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ILiK3G2RvYZ0Pj04usPbkPGMWTYiCQFnVWL3-WG5Uoc/edit>

Milton National Little League Challenger Division: The Little League Challenger Division® was founded in 1989, and is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate. If an individual can participate in the traditional Little League Baseball or Softball program with reasonable accommodations they

should do so. Milton National Little League's Challenger Division is now open to all Milton kids ages 5-21. The season starts in June and runs for eight Sunday games, most at Shields Park. Register now at www.MiltonNationalLL.com. For more information, go to <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/challenger/>.

MFE Celebration for Education 2018: More information to follow but please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28 at 6:30pm at Granite Links for this annual fundraiser to benefit the Milton Public Schools. This year's celebration will focus on raising funds for important fine arts programming in all six schools.

Parent Speaker Series: Our kids are doing WHAT? What can I do to protect them? What apps should I be worried about? Is social networking safe? Is my child being cyberbullied? It's often overwhelming being a parent today in our technology-driven society. Keeping up with the latest trends and dangers can often seem like an impossible task. Katie will help parents navigate the digital waters and let you know what's new, what's now, and what's next when it comes to your children and technology, and provides parents with proactive initiatives to keep kids safe. This event will be geared toward elementary parents. Mark your calendars for this very important presentation: May 9 in MHS Auditorium from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Rescheduled Wildcat Fun Night: The Milton High School Rugby Players will be hosting a Wildcat Fun Night fundraiser for children in grades K thru 5 who attend Milton Public Schools. What is a Wildcat fun night? : The Milton High Rugby players and some of their cheerleader friends will play games with your children while YOU have a night out!! This will be a fun night for girls and boys!!

When: Friday March 23rd from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM

** No early drop offs - doors open at 6:00- children must be picked up by 8:15 PM

Where: Glover School Gym - please drive around back to the gym

Cost: \$10.00 per child, please make check payable to: MHS Athletics with Rugby in the memo field. There will be water for the children; Due to Allergies, no food is allowed at this event. **Please pre-register your child/children by returning the attached form.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, March 21: Glover Art Show and Book Fair- 6-7:30pm

Friday, March 23: K-2 Music Showcase- 2pm in Glover Gym

Monday, March 26: K-2 Science Fair- 6:30-8pm

Tuesday, March 27: 3-5 Science Fair- 6:30-8pm

Wednesday, March 28: Celine Coggins- What's the Deal With Testing Parent Speaker Series

Thursday, March 29: SEPAC Presentation: Understanding School Refusal- Dr. Ruth Conway- 7-9pm at Milton Public Library

Friday, March 30: No School

Monday, April 2: PTO Meeting with Noel Vigue- 7pm Glover Library

Wednesday, April 4: Early Release PD Day

Thursday, April 5: Michael Thompson- Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys

Thursday, April 12: Grade Five Growth and Development- 6:30pm at Glover

April 16-20: April Recess

Friday, April 27: Grades 4, 5, Band and Strings Showcase- 9:15 in Glover Gym

Saturday, April 28: MFE Celebration for Education- 6:30 pm at Granite Links

Wednesday, May 9: Parent Speaker Series: Katie Greer- Keeping Kids Safe in the Digital World- 6:30-7:30pm in MHS Auditorium

Monday, May 28: No School- Memorial Day

Friday, June 22: Last Day of School (updated due to snow days)

We hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to another wonderful week at Glover next week!

In partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School